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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement dated January 12, 2005, applicant hereby acknowledges that Claims 17-43 and 50-52 (Invention I) are drawn to a disposable garment for the care and prevention of wounds on a target area, while Claims 44-49 (Invention II) are drawn to a method of applying a system for the care and prevention of wounds on a target area of the body of a patient.

Applicant traverses the distinction otherwise made between said Inventions I and II. The applicant disagrees with the Examiners conclusion that the process of applying the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product that does not require all of the elements as substantially recited in the claimed method. Method claim 44 includes a recitation of elements of the product which under the product claims are believed to be patentably distinct. Thus,